

## SUSTAINABLE U.S. ARMY-HAWAII

### RESPONSIBLE, EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES

As a leader in sustainable practices, U.S. Army-Hawaii is accelerating its actions to protect the environment, conserve energy, water and other resources; support human capital; and partner with our communities.

These actions will result in increased military readiness, lower life-cycle costs and improved quality of life for our Soldiers and their families.



Take the mandatory online SEM awareness training at:  
<http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sustainability/OnlineTraining>

For more information, visit our website at:  
<http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sustainability/Environmental.aspx>

or Contact:  
Directorate of Public Works – Environmental Division  
808-656-2878

## TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE

MISSION,  
ENVIRONMENT  
AND  
COMMUNITY

What legacy  
will you leave?

### USAG-HI STRATEGIC GOALS

**Goal 1:** Execute all requirements in support of ARFORGEN.

**Goal 2:** Promote community well-being.

**Goal 3:** Recruit, develop and retain an adaptive, innovative, customer-focused workforce.

**Goal 4:** Optimize resources and environmental stewardship to minimize the impact on the natural environment and community.

**Goal 5:** Provide quality facility, infrastructure and responsive services to support mission requirements.

**Goal 6:** Advance and enhance internal/external community relationships and partnerships.

# SEM

## SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

— Mission —

The mission of U.S. Army-Hawaii is to maintain, train and equip combat-ready army forces that are capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the land.



— Environment —

Land, water and air assets that have the potential to support or restrict U.S. Army-Hawaii activities.

—Community —

The people, places, organizations and agencies that live or operate in the vicinity of the garrison and have the potential to be affected by, or to affect, Army activities.

**SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT  
FOR A SECURE FUTURE**

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## SUSTAINABILITY AND SEM WHAT IS IT?

Sustainability is considering the relationship between the environmental, economic, and social equity of our mission, activities and operations.

Sustainable practices require that we evaluate how our decisions today affect our mission, our community, the environment and the economy of the future.



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A Sustainable Environmental Management (SEM) system is the tool U.S. Army-Hawaii uses to ensure we meet the requirements of ISO 14001, an internationally recognized standard for environmental management.

## WHAT YOU MUST DO

### Reduce Energy Use:

- Close all windows and doors for air conditioned spaces. Turn off the A/C in unoccupied spaces.
- Maintain the room temperature at 74 degrees or higher—adjust your clothing, not the thermostat.
- Turn off all computers, monitors and printers when you leave the office.

### Reduce Water Use:

- Don't overwater your lawn, use a nozzle when washing your car, use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and parking areas.
- Don't use toilets as ashtrays or trashcans. Each unnecessary flush wastes water.
- Run full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
- Fix or report water leaks.

### Reduce Fuel Use:

- Drive less. Carpool, share rides to meetings and combine trips whenever possible.
- Reduce idling whenever practical.
- Slow down. The faster a vehicle travels, the more gas it burns.
- Tune your ride. A well-maintained car is more fuel efficient and produces less air pollution.

### Choose Green Products:

- Purchase uncoated printing paper containing at least 30% postconsumer fiber.
- Purchase energy efficient, water efficient, biobased-content, environmentally preferable, non-ozone depleting, recycled-content, non-toxic or less-toxic alternatives.
- Purchase ENERGY STAR, FEMP-designated electronic equipment and EPEAT-registered electronic products.
- Enable power management, duplex printing and other energy-efficient or environmentally preferable features on electronic products.
- Purchase locally made products.

### Reduce Waste, Increase Recycling:

- Buy only what you need. The best way to reduce waste is to not produce it in the first place!
- Recycle paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, plastics, metal batteries, used oil, antifreeze, fluorescent light bulbs and electronic equipment.
- Reduce printing, share reports and other documents electronically.
- Set your computer default to two-sided (duplex) printing.
- Carry reusable canvas bags to the store.
- Use reusable dishes, silverware and glasses.
- Avoid bottled water.

## WHAT DOES SUSTAINABILITY HAVE TO DO WITH PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT?

The natural environment is vital to the mission of U.S. Army-Hawaii. To continue to train our soldiers and serve our community, each and everyone of us has a responsibility to continuously strive to improve our environmental performance and seek to:

- Lessen our environmental footprint and prevent pollution;
- Minimize our impact on the land;
- Conserve, preserve and protect our natural and cultural resources;
- Comply with all applicable environmental laws

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY KEY POINTS

**The Right Way (Comply with environmental regulations)** — Our obligation is to preserve and protect our environment. Do what is right legally, ethically and morally.

**The Green Way (Prevent pollution)** — Each and every one of us can contribute to a sustainable U.S. Army-Hawaii. Do the “little things”: conserve, preserve, and prevent.

**All The Way (Continually Improve)** — Sustainable U.S. Army-Hawaii is a mind-set. It will take time, persistence and commitment from everyone. Make sustainability a consideration in all that you do!